

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

Bicentennial Tr

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
Toll house				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
Md. Route 144, north side, about one mile west of Hancock				
CITY OR TOWN:				
Hancock				
STATE			COUNTY:	
Maryland			Washington	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Pork <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME:				
William Leachman				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
Box 97				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Upperville			Virginia	
			22176	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:				
Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Hagerstown			Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 565/39				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
Maryland Historical Trust Survey #5002A				
DATE OF SURVEY: Summer, 1967 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
2525 Riva Road				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Annapolis			Maryland	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION			
CONDITION	(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)		(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE			
<p>The "old toll house" near Hancock is located on the north side of Maryland Route 144 or old U.S. 40 about one mile west of town. It is situated at the edge of the road and faces south opposite the entrance of Fort Tonoloway State Park.</p> <p>The structure is a three-bay, one-and-a-half story brick dwelling painted pink with white trim. The gable roof is covered with corrugated sheet metal which is not original. Two gable dormers are built into the south slope of the roof. They appear to have been added during the late 19th or early 20th century.</p> <p>The foundations of the house are low and are of coursed local fieldstone. They carry walls of brick laid in common bond. There is no decorative brick work associated with the window or door openings.</p> <p>The few windows are small in size relative to the wall area. In the front wall, there are two windows with four-over-four pane sashes. Similar windows are located in the side and rear walls. Two small four-light openings are present within the gable of each end of the structure. The framing of the windows is very plain with simple molding along the sashes.</p> <p>Doors are located in the center bay of the front of the house and in the north bay of the east end wall. The doors like the windows are very plain and without decorative trim.</p> <p>Small brick chimneys are located inside each gable end. The roof which extends for several inches beyond the end walls probably dates from the late 19th or early 20th century. It is finished with simple molding at the eaves.</p> <p>A two-bay, shed roof end porch extends along the length of the east gable side of the house. It is supported by square wooden posts. A gable roof entrance covering is present over the front door. Until recent years, a porch extended along the entire length of the house where evidence of its supporting joists remain in the wall.</p> <p>The toll house property contains 3.57 acres. The structure is in good condition, although altered, and is in no immediate danger of destruction. It would, however, be threatened if Route 144 were to be widened.</p>			

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) shortly before 1820

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>was toll house</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>on the National</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | <u>Pike</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of this structure lies in both its history and its architecture. It is one of the few remaining toll houses along the old National Road. The National Road was charted between Hancock and Cumberland in 1819 and completed in 1822,¹ following an 18th century frontier trail. A deed dated March 29, 1820, from Thomas C. Brent to the President, Managers and Company of the Cumberland Turnpike records the purchase of 1/2 acre of land for \$50 and refers to a "brick toll house lately erected within the boundaries above described." The 1/2 acre of land came from a tract called "Brent's Chance" which contained 406 acres originally surveyed to Thomas Brent on March 31, 1793.² The deed evidence indicates that the toll house was built about the same time as the turnpike and therefore was used to collect tolls since the opening of the National Pike. Many residents of the Hancock area recall the toll house in operation earlier in this century.

Architecturally, the toll house provides a documented example of an early 19th century structure which had a combined use as a service building and as a residence. Unlike the present day turnpike toll booths, this structure was equipped to be a permanent dwelling for the toll keeper. Thus its appearance, while functional, also reflects its intended use as a place of residence.

¹Thomas J. C. Williams, A History of Washington County, Maryland, Mail Publishing Company, Hagerstown, Md., 1906, p. 152.

²"Map of the Western Section of Washington County, Maryland, Showing Original Land Grants and Surveys," J. B. Ferguson and Co., Hagerstown, Md., 1939.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3.57 acres

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	COUNTY:
STATE:	COUNTY:
STATE:	COUNTY:
STATE:	COUNTY:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant	
ORGANIZATION Washington County Historic Sites Survey	DATE November, 1973
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex	
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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Liber 565, Folio 39, August 3, 1973

Grantor: Shalom Et Benedictus

Grantees: William H. Leachman, Jr. and William H. Leachman, Sr.

Parcel #1, 1,194.82 acres

Liber 516, Folio 483, December 10, 1970

Grantor: Locher Silica Corp.

Grantee: Shalom Et Benedictus

Parcel #3, 37 acres

Liber 407, Folio 487, April 30, 1964

Grantors: John C. Shives and Iva B. Shives

Grantee: Locher Silica Corp.

This deed mentions the brick toll house in the description of the property 0.37 acres.

Liber 201, Folio 647, August 19, 1936

Grantor: Annie M. Corbett, widow

Grantees: John W. Shives and Iva J. Shives

\$800.00, 1.09 acres

Liber 120, Folio 222, June 18, 1904

Grantors: George W. Widmeyer and Mary E. Widmeyer

Grantee: Annie M. Corbet

\$100.00, 1-1/8 acre

Liber W.McK.K. 2, Folio 22, September 5, 1869

Grantors: George Brent and Anna Brent

Grantee: George W. Widmeyer

\$5,000.00, 125 acres exclusive of the turnpike road.

The deed refers to parts of "Dalecarlia" and Brent's Chance. The property is described as beginning in the south margin of the turnpike near "the old brick toll house."

Liber EE, Folio 513, March 29, 1820

Grantor: Thomas C. Brent

Grantees: The President, Managers and Company of the Cumberland Turnpike Road
\$50.00, 1/2 acre.

The land is described as being part of a tract called "Brent's Chance." The deed specifies that the new owners would have "free liberty and privilege of the water of the spring at the locust tree near the line between Thomas C. Brent and near to a brick toll house lately erected within the boundaries described."



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